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# YOUNG RICHMOND MAN WHO BESTED J. PIERPONT MORGAN IN A DEAL.

J. Shelton Williams Accredited With Being the Only Person Who Ever Got Ahead of the Wall Street King in a Railroad Fight.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. J. Plerpont Morgan, the great New York banker and railroad magnate, was recent ly, for the first time in his life, beaten at his own game by a man young enough to

This young man is John Skelton Williams of Richmond, Va. The story involves the consolidation of a railroad system which already extends from Baltimore to Tampa, and which continues to spread its branches through the cotton fields of the Sunny Scuth. Williams is president of this system, which is known as the Great Seaboard Air Line, while Morgan is almost sole owner of the Southern Railway, the largest evstern in the South, running almost parallel to Williams's lines a great part of the

Morgan organized the Southern Railway in 1894. When he had completed the task he set about to cut off competition. The Seaboard Air Line, of which Williams's faather was president, was a competitor for a part of the way, but no one dreamed that it would ever be extended.

When the senior Williams retired from When the senior Williams retired from business his son succeeded him as president of the line, and the young man set about to perfect a pain of extension which he had long contemplated, in secret. Working quietly through confidential agents, he secured options on a number of important links in the chain he proposed to forge, and his system was more than half organized before Morgan and his agents awoke to the situation.

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Morgan was determined that the audactous young man from the South should not carry out his plans, while Williams had confidence in himself and never acknowledged the possibility of defeat.

The odds in favor of Morgan were enormous, for the sinews of war were money, and the two cities, New York and Richmond; were typical of the resources of the two men.

two men.
Williams's scheme was beautiful in its Williams's scheme was beautiful in its simplicity. The plan was to run a railroad from Richmond to Tampa by the straightest route possible. With Richmond as the northern terminus, good connection could be had with Washington and the North. Tampa would give the outlet to the Gulf and the trade of the West Indies. And then behind all this was the talked-of canal across Central America.

Men who heard it looked over the rail-

Two stories of how Williams met emergencies are told. Both are dated in 1883, when the financial panic was high, and specie payments were practically suspended by all banks.

had first gained him the notice of an in-fluential member of the New York Produce fluential member of the New York Fronces Exchange Bank, The two men became frends. In 1898 Williams's bank got into a tight fix, as did a number of other Bouthern tight fix, as did a number of other Southern financial institutions. The young bank president could barrow nothing in the South. His neighbors were as unfortunate as he. He went to New York and sought out his friend. He told him his difficulties. "How much do you want?" asked the New Yorker.

"One hundred and fifty thousand dollars," was the really.

New Yorker.

"One hundred and fifty thousand dollars," was the reply.

The Produce Exchange Bank man took out his check book and wrote out a check. He handed it to Williams. The check was for the entire amount, \$150,000.

The other story is that Williams's bank had given a note for \$20,000. secured by collarteral and held by one of the largest banks in the city. The day before the note was due young Williams dropped in to arrange for its renewal. To his consternation the president—a much older man—

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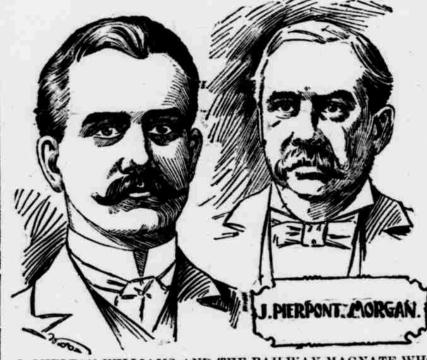
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one of the lineal descendants of the Baron.

The announcement of the presence of Governor Stone had much to do with the presence of the vast assemblage. The handsome old church was spiendidly decorated

tor C. T. Steck, of Shamokin, whose theme was, "The Religion of Our Time." The formal exercises incident to the pay-

Rent of a Church.



J. SKELTON WILLIAMS AND THE RAILWAY MAGNATE WHO FAILED TO THWART HIS PROJECT.

informed him that he could not accept a renewal.

"But," said Williams, "It is impossible for me to pay that note under the circumstances. Nobody is paying anything, and you know that money cannot be had."

"I cannot be held responsible for present conditions," was the chilly reply of the old financier. "Unless you can pay the note in cash or its equivalent it will be protested, and I will proceed to sell the collateral."

Williams left the bank in anything but a pleasant frame of mind. He couldn't afford to have his paper protested, even in time of panics, so he put on his thinking cap. Early the next morning he made the rounds of all the city banks, bought, borrowed and traded for every check on the older bank that he could find. By noon he had \$40,000 worth of this paper, and shortly thereafter dropped in to see the president.

"Ah Williams, giad to see you. Hope

before night."
Williams got his cash. The story got out and established his reputation, for it was generally conceded that "it took a good one to outwit the old man."

But this is not telling of Williams's rail-road plan. Very gradually the scheme grew. Williams gathered around him a few mod-erate-sized capitalists from Baltimore and Richmond. Gradually the directors of the roads which were to be brought into the system, were brought around to believe in the feasibility of consolidation. Gradually success was coming near. The price was high. If Williams succeeded in effecting the combination he was to receive \$2,00,000 in common stock of the company and would be its president. common stock of the common stock of the common stock of the common in starting the machinery of the law and the money market against the newcomers into the field then dominated by the Southern. There were

three ways to fight, and instantly the three methods were applied. In the first place everything was done to cripple the old Seaboard's line from Norfolk to Atlanta. This road is the short line between the two points, but has to depend upon other roads to get to Washington and the North. Through Morgan's influence, the trains which connected with the Air Line from Washington stopped at every semblance of a station. This delay enabled the Southern to run faster through trains to Atlanta.

The second step was to persuade some stockholder in each of the roads which Williams simed at consolidating to get out an injunction in equity against the terms of the transfer of the roads to the Seaboard. This task was left to Thomas F. Ryan, Mr. Morgan's agent, and at one time there were twenty-one injunctions before the courts of various States. In all there were 118 injunctions brought.

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"Well, who's Williams." Who's Williams of a former president of who will was a folking, and invited him to sit down and have a clear. "The old banker thought the young man of a former president of a small bank and trust company, and that the had sunceeded his father as president of the manual one of \$20,000 in currency."

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burst. Williams called the meeting to order.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I regret to inform you that the Produce Exchange Bank, upon which we counted, has failed us. We will have to get money, but at this moment I cannot say where we are to procure it. I have called this meeting in order to learn your views."

There was a gloomy silence among the directors. A great deal of money had been sunk in the Seaboard, a great deal was being sunk. The cow seemed to be milked dry.

Then one man got up and left the table at which the directors were sitting and walked over to another table in the room. He wrote something on a piece of paper, arose and, walking over to Williams,

He wrote something on a piece of paper, arose and, walking over to Williams, handed it to him.

"Will this pull us through?" he asked. Williams looked at it. It was a check for \$1,000,000.

The man was Mr. Shepherd, one of the few New Yorkers interested in the company, and reputed to be worth over \$10,000,-000.

Gradually the injunction suits were beaten or withdrawn, and the great consolidation that this young Richmond man had engineered was perfected. J. Pierpont Morgan had been beaten, horse, foot and dragoons.

Tourists in Peculiar Lawsuit.

Manhelm, Pa., June 16.—An immense crowd gathered at Zion Lutheran Church here to witness the "Feast of Roses" celebration. The congregation, in fulfilling the conditions of the will of the peculiar founder of the borough, Baron Henry Stiegel, paid one red rose as a year's rental for the land he donated to the church in 1772, to one of the lineal descendants of the Baron. The announcement of the presence of

for the occasion.

The opening service was a Sunday school parliament held in the morning, a musical festival, with an address by the pastor, the Reverend M. L. Snyder, and other local speakers. This was followed with an address on "Stieger's Relics," by Professor H. C. Mercer, Doylestown, and later came the mamorial sermon by the Reverend Doctor C. T. Stack, of Shamokin, whose thems

Congression McCollar Was of A controlled to the The formal exercises incident to the payment of the tribute to the ropresentative of the Stiegel heirs were held at 1 o'clock, and were interspersed with music by a selected choir. After prayer by Doctor Steck and a recitation by Miss Anna D. Adams, the memorial oration was delivered by Governor Stone. It was of a historical character, and eulogistic of Baron Stiegel.

The payment of the rose was made by exattorney General W. U. Hensel, and it was received by Miss M. M. Horning of Newport, R. L. a Stiegel heir. In leaving the church the congregation filed before the chancel railing and each dropped inside a red rose. The exercises concluded in the evening with a children's service. MISS ROBIRDS WEPT. Disappointed Because She Couldn't

# Ghastly Find of a Party of

Wisconsin. A A A A A

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Wausau, Wis., June 16.—In a deserted Irdian shack on the north shore of Shishibogoma, near Minocqua, Doctor A. W. Trevitt of Wausau, Doctor Gustavus C. Eggers of St. Louis, E. T. Dorman of this place and Michael Ollo of Milwaukee mado a most ghastly discovery in an old Indian shack, three sides of which had been stripped of its bark.

They found the emaciated form of a human being, wasted away to a veritable skeleton, lying with his head on a block of burnt wood. His head was covered by a knit cap, his clothing torn from his limbs above the knees, his legs and arms little

safety, and the grimy skeleton deposited in a bed, and willing hands, under the direction of Doctors Trevitt and Eggers, spent the night in humanity's cause. This morning the man was given more stimulant and cream. He asked for custard, which was given him, and he gained strength sufficiently to tell his story. He is an Englishman but a few months over from the old country. His name is William Baker of No. 9 New street, Chatham, England, and a son of Harry Baker, His story is this:

About May I ne was at the Flambeaux Indian reservation and was taken sick. A white man piloted him to the Indian shack some eight miles distant, and left him, and that is the last he remembered until to-day. He is 5 feet II inches tall, and weighs, in health, 199 pounds. To-day he does not weigh 60 pounds. His thighs can easily be spanned by one hand; his neck is like wire, his abdomen was caved in till it looked like a washbowl.

"I could take my thumbs and fingers and clasp his thigh bones and lift his form," sdid Doctor Trevitt. "I have been in morgues, the dissecting-room and charnelhouses, but in all my life I never saw so heart-rending a sight."

The fellow gives every evidence of having mingled with good people. His speech is pleasant, his every answer and request emphasized with politequest. He says that when he was brought to the indian shack he had a rifle, but none was found by the fishing party. He is improving rapidly, and nothing save too much kindness can prevent his getting well.

The true story of his sufferings and how he came to be left in the woods to die will be assertained if possible. It is unquestionably a case of typhold fever, of forty days' delirium and emaciation, and whether he has tasted food or even water in that time is shrouded in mystery. He is receiving the best of care, and every indication points to his recovery. Doctors Trevitt and Eggers left Minocqua this evening. But Mr. Dorman and Mr. Ole are still there. Their find furnishes a story the like of which has not been told since the papers teeme

### Knew the Author of Home, Sweet Home.

Recent Death of a Georgia Negro Who Carried Love Letters for John Howard Payne,

Athens, Ga., June 16 .- Rob Roy Harden

the nation wished to be removed the Mississippi.

Rob Roy, who was the house boy at the Harden home, where Mr. Payne was a frequent visitor, made it convenient to notify Mr. Payne that he held himself in readiness to polish boots, carry notes or do any other little service wished.

"Mr. Payne always gave me a dollar when I did anything for him. He sure was a nice man," Rob Roy used to say.

When Mr. Payne left Athens for the Indian country, it is almost certain that he left his heart in the possession of Miss Mary Harden, and, so far as has ever been known, that lady carried it with her to her grave when she died about eight years ago, for if Mr. Payne ever had any other sweetheart the fact never became known, and when the great author closed his eyes in death in Tunis it is reasonable to suppose that his last thoughts were of the only woman he ever loved in the far off Southland.

Mr. Payne was only among the Indians of the days before he was arrested at the

of the trip the old negro has often said:

"Mars Edward was as mad as a wet hen when he heard of the arrest of poor Mr. Payne, and when he went after him it wouldn't have been healthy for anybody to have said much, for Mars Edward had done spent a lot of time clealing up his big pistols, and he was a hornet when stirred up. There wasn't any steam cars in them days around here and we went horseback—roads too rough over them mountains to make the trip in a carriage. I led a fine horse for Mr. Payne to ride buck home on. When we got there it didn't take Mars Edward long to 'nounce his mission among the Indians. That man Curry what had Mr. Payne arrested hung his head and looked like a sheep killing dog when Mars Edward told him it was an outrage that Mr. Payne had been arrested. Mr. Payne was afraid Mars Edward was going to do something brash, and he asked him to be easy, that Curry was ignorant, and he was, too; he didn't know as much as one of Mars Edward's confileld niggers: I know he didn't, cause Mars Edward said so.\
"But I tell you, I did feel so sorry for poor Mr. Payne, riding over them rough roads. He looked so pale and sick like, and 'peared like he didn't have a friend on earth; but he did, for Mars Edward would have gone through fire and brimstone for him, and old Rob Roy was mighty spry in them days, and I liked that young man, I did. As we come along over the mountains Mr. Payne hummed that song. 'Home, Sweet Home.' and it was the first time I ever heard it, but I heard it many times after that, for Miss Mary used to sing it mighty sweet and hevore Miss Mary got so curiouts like and lived all by herself in that big old Harden house round there on Hancock avenue. Miss Mary used to sing it mighty sweet and touching, but I don't like to talk about it, for I know Miss Mary thought a powerful heap of the man who wrote that song, and when I used to say something to her about the time Mr. Payne was here, she would say. 'Hueh, Rob, hush; I don't want to talk about those old days.'

"Yes, yes, Miss Mary thou "Yes, yes, Miss Mary thought a powerful beap of him."

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## **GENSUS WORK IS** STILL INCOMPLETE.

Made Reports, but Others Are Not Ready,

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Forbids Him to Make Returns Public Until He Has Orders to Do So.

Over 300 census enumerators reported to Supervisor Higgins yesterday with their schedules and reports completed. The majority of the others have announced that their work, which has been delayed for different reasons, will be in shape some not be sent to Washington for at least ten days. This week will be employed by a special office force in going over the reports

It is rumored about among the employed of the local census office that the figures taken so far will not bring the population up to the 700,000 mark. This, however, is not official, and nothing will be known of the absolute count before the latter part of September. The local supervisor will no give out any estimate of the probable resuit of the enumeration. He says that un-der his oath he is forbidden to make anything public until given orders to do so from

with enumerators, who were busily engaged completing and perfecting their schedules. In many cases where blanks were left on the schedules the information had to be supplied from memorandum books. When com-pleted the schedules were turned in to one of the special agents, who administered the outh to each enumerator. These records were then placed in piles to be gone over by the clerks. There was a great deal of talk and gossip

among the coumerators yesterday. They were all willing to exchange experiences and happenings with which they had met while filling their records. A large number

# FLED ON BICYCLES

Officers a Lively Chase.

NO OFFICIAL FIGURES YET. HORSE WAS DRIVEN TO DEATH. JUDGE

Supervisor Higgins Says His Oath Charged With Stealing Two Enjoins the Woodward & Tiernam Wheels, Lee Farris Eluded Police at a Church Fair and Borrowed a Vehicle.

> REPUBLIC SPECIAL Carlinville, Ill., June 15.-Lee Farris, aged

stealing two bloycles and a horse and buggy. Farris was captured last night. He is said to have admitted his guilt.
Two weeks ago, it is alleged, he stole i

Godfrey's son missed a wheel. Suspicion pointed toward Farris. Several started in pursuit of the young man and tracked him to within half a mile of his home, where of a punctured tire.

He carried the wheel home and then started back to town on the other wheel by another route. The stolen wheel was found behind a hay

stack. When the posse returned to Staunton, it was learned that Farris was enjoy ing himself at a church festival, Farris saw Mayor Godfrey and realized that he must escape quickly. Circling the crowd, he reached a horse and buggy be-longing to John T. McGaughery, who was then in the church yard.

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The rig was missed in a short time by its owner and a search for it was instituted, but no trace of it could be found.

Farris drove north from Staunton, taking the direction just opposite to his home, which ruse baffled the officers. He asked

which ruse baffled the officers. He asked the police how far it was to Jacksonville. The police piled him with questions, but, as he answered them all satisfactorily, they allowed him to go on.

After leaving Carlinville Farris drove to Scottville. He was only a short ways from Scottville on the road to Jacksonville when the horse dropped from exhaustion and died. He abandoned the outfit at once and remained at liberty until the Pisgah authorities arrested him.

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### Were Wed Aboard the Old Hartford.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Doubly Married Sailor Will Take His Bride to

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Oakland, June 16.—Interest in the marriage of Earl B. Hough and Beatrice Singleton of San Leandro, who were twice wedded within seven months, has been increased by the publicity which was given to the unusual features connected with the events. Though man and wife for many months, there was never a suspicion of the relation until the young man a week ago related the story of his wedding on the decks of the famous flagship Hartford at Mare Island.

Rather than be separated from his young bride, which seemed probable, as he was to go to the Sandwich Islands, the young man confided in his parents. The marriage aboard ship was by contract before the chaplain of the vessel. This did not seem entirely satisfactory to either family, so the second ceremony was duly celebrated at San Rafael.

All obstacles being removed, Mr. and Mrs. Hough will leave for Honolulu on June 27, with the satisfaction at least of having had the nuptial knot doubly fastened.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Congressman Hoffecker Dropped

## CITY ORDINANCE DECLARED INVALID.

More Than 300 Enumerators Have Illinois Young Man Led Staunton Required Stamp of Allied Printing Trades Council on Municipal Codes.

DECISION.

Printing Company From Collecting Any Money for

That Work. Judge Klein granted a temporary injun tion yesterday restraining the city of St. Louis and the City Treasurer, until further order of court, from paying to the Wood-ward & Tiernan Printing Company any money under a contract for the printing of

The decision holds that the ordinar which the contract was let, requiring that all of the books shall bear on the cover or title page the imprint of the Allied Print-

Judge Klein, in explaining his reasons for declaring the ordinance void, says:
"It is unreasonable and against one

right, preventing competition for the doing of public work and depriving citizens of the city and State, who do not amploy opportunity to obtain the employment the work affords. "It attempts to make a disti

tween citizens of the city and State, excluding all persons doing business in the State, "It attempts to make a distinction be-

tween the citizens of the city of St. Louis engaged in the job printing business, and to divide them into two classes, those who employ 'union labor' exclusively and those who do not, and to grant a special privilege to the former, which is in violation of the Constitution of the State.

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"It attempts to deprive persons engaged in the job printing business who do not employ 'union labor' exclusively of the right of making contracts for the doing of public work and so deprives them of liberty and of property without due process of law, which is in violation of the Constitution of the United States.

"It is void for another reason: It attempts to prescribe regulations concessing the letting of contracts for job printing which are inconsistent with the regulations prescribed on that subject by the prior general ordinance, section 1410, Revised Ordinances, 1852, and the Charter of the city, article III, section 23, provides that no special or general ordinance which is in conflict or inconsistent with general ordinances of prior date shall be valid or effectual until such prior ordinances, or the conflicting

terms."

The ruling was made in a suit brought by Herman A. Hacussler and others against the city of St. Louis, Charles Schidder, Treasurer, and the Woodward & Tiernan Printing Company, to test the ordinance requiring that city printing shall bear the imprint of union labor.

### ENGRAVERS IN COURT.

Chicago Association Being Prosecuted Under Anti-Trust Law.

Chicago, June 16.—Twelve of the twenty men indicted some time ago on a charge of forming a trust to control the business of photo-engraving in Chicago, have been put on trial before Judge Hutchinson. They waived a jury and the evidence was heard by the court. Further testimony will be heard next Monday. Conspiracy to form an unlawful combination in restraint of trade is the allegation.

The organization was to be known as the Photo-Engravers' Association of Chicago. Its object, according to the prosecution, was to fix, control and regulate the business of engraving and etching in Chicago. The combination was in direct violation, it is al-

Dead at Delaware's Capital.

Dover, Del., June 14.—Congressman John Henry Hoffecker, the State of Delaware's only representative in the lower branch of the Legislature, and who is said to have been the only Republican both factions of the party could agree upon for such position, dropped dead to-day in Emyrns.

engraving and stahing in Chicago, The complex of the surject of the spirit of the anti-trust law.

Assistant State Attorney Burnes sprang of used a copy of the agreement, the original of which, the defense declared, had been levited to John the association, but did not, the position, dropped dead to-day in Emyrns.

# Get a Marriage License.

street were refused a marriage license yes-terday, because Miss Robirds is only 17 years old. Her parents are dead, and her uncle, who accompanied her, has acted as her guardian, but has not been legally ap-pointed as such. Assistant Marriage License Clerk Leonhardt said that the license could not be obtained without the consent of a regularly appointed guardian. Miss Robirds wept as the party left the office. street were refused a marriage license yes

Richard J. Sullivan of No. 2317 Clark ave-

### "You bie" Is Not a Deadly Insult.

So Decided a Kansas City Jury Which Tried a & &

REPURITO SPECIAL Kansas City, June 16.-Is it a deadly insul to call a man a liar, and is the man so in-sulted justified in slugging the man who

### beft to Die in a Deserted Shack.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.